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Dear Gary,

I've been catching up on a few things before gping for Lil. It comes to mind that you said something about again asking Fred and Willien for their work on the Sirhan thing and that I made no response.

Don't, please. I do not want it and I will not use it. The more disconnected from them I am the better I'll like it. Life is complicated enough without any association with the kinds of people they have shown themselves to be. Were I to use it, they'd, somehow or another, have some complaint. They have expert help in making them up when their own not inconsiderable talents fail.

Besides, I lack confidence in their work. You have never commented on what I pointed out to you from Curry's book and Fred's "Last Train". Curry's 31 is absolute proof of what I've been telling you all along. So, it boils down to one good thing Fred has done, the enlargment overlays, and he did that for me when I asked him (and you know the ensuing hassle). At the same time he messed up what I turned over to him what could have been more significant, aside from the damage of the bickering and defamations of which he has been part. So, as I told you long ago, I consider time spent with him worse than wasted.

This is not to say they have to be wrong, or even that they are. I would like to go over their work. But I regard the possible consequences as too great a price for it. Nor is it to say it is not worthwhile knowing what they are up to, especially because we may have to defend against it.

It is simply to say I fear any association with them is not to <u>my</u> interest. This has nothing to do with yours, as you see it, or that of all of us, also as you see it.

Maybe, without being aware of it, while thinking otherwise, I may be bitter about LA, the way I was treated there, imposed upon, led to waste so much time, defamed, etc. I may be less dispassionate than I think. As always, I encourage you to use your own judgement. But for me to use it, please do not either ask them for their Sirhan work or chide them for not sending it to me.

Sincerely,

I have skeleton chart, too.